

# **AB 2264 – California Vehicle Fleet Fuel Economy Standard of 2006**

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**Assemblymember Fran Pavley**

## **IN BRIEF**

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Requires the Department of General Services and the Energy Commission to develop fuel economy standards for state fleet vehicles and use those standards for vehicles purchased after January 1, 2008, which will reduce California's dependence on foreign oil.

## **THE ISSUE**

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According to the California Energy Commission's *2003 Energy Report*, the most cost-effective strategy to reduce petroleum demand in the transportation sector is to increase vehicle fuel economy.

"California drivers paid \$132 million more for gasoline this spring than those in other parts of the nation, raising new questions about market manipulation, according to a report released Thursday by the California Energy Commission." SF Chronicle – 6-16-06

"Gas...prices are...90-95 cents higher than this time last year, the Automobile Club of Southern California reported in its weekend gas watch." LA BizJournal – 6-16-06

Natural gas, solar and wind power and conservation offer promising alternatives to oil use, but over two-thirds of U.S. consumption goes toward transportation.

## **EXISTING LAW**

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Requires DGS to utilize procurement practices that score efficiency and emission characteristics in addition to capital cost so that it can choose vehicles with the lowest life-cycle costs in a vehicle procurement contract.

## **THE SOLUTION**

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AB 2264 creates the California Vehicle Fleet Fuel Economy Standard of 2006 which requires the Department of General Services, in collaboration with the Energy Commission, to develop a minimum fuel economy standard for passenger cars and light duty trucks in the state fleet that are powered by internal combustion engines which run on fossil fuels. These standards will go into affect for vehicles purchased after January 1, 2008.

This bill will help reduce California's dependence on foreign oil and lower lifecycle costs generated by the state's 70,000 vehicle fleet.

## **BACKGROUND**

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Last year's AB 1660 by Assemblymember Pavley required DGS to create a bulk purchase program for hybrid and clean-air vehicles that would lower purchase prices for state and local governments.

This year's AB 2264 builds on past legislation to ensure that future fleet vehicles will save the state money at the pump and clean the air.

## **SUPPORT**

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State Controller Steve Westly – Sponsor,  
Natural Resources Defense Council, Sierra Club California, California League of Conservation Voters, South Coast Air Quality Management District

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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